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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9056

AMEMBASSY SAIGON NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMER PINT VS GW

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. DR. RUHFUS CALLED BACK ABOUT THREE HOURS

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HOURS AFTER AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE (REFTEL B) TO SAY

THAT FRG WILL PARTICIPATE IN EVACUATION OF REFUGEES.
RUHFUS READ A COORDINATED FRG STATEMENT TO US, WHICH
WE GIVE HERE IN EMBASSY TRANSLATION:
BEGIN TEXT:
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSPORTING
REFUGEES OUT OF DA NANG AND, AS THE CASE MAY BE, OUT
OF OTHER ENDANGERED AREAS IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.
IT WILL SET ASIDE FOR THIS PURPOSE A PART OF THE
FUNDS WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE CABINET ON MARCH 26
FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN VIETNAM. THE FRG EMBASSY
IN SAIGON AND THE COMPETENT AGENCIES WITHIN THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS.
THE EMBASSY IN SAIGON HAS ALREADY BEEN EMPOWERED TO
CHARTER AVAILABLE TRANSPORT CAPACITY FOR THIS PURPOSE.
THE COMPETENT AGENCIES ARE ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE
ON AN URGENT BASIS WHETHER GERMAN SHIP CAPACITY
CAN BE REDIRECTED TO SOUTH VIETNAM. SHOULD IT NOT
BE POSSIBLE TO USE IT IN DA NANG, THE USE OF TRANSPORT
CAPACITY FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM OTHER
ENDANGERED AREAS OF THE COUNTRY COULD BE CONSIDERED.
END TEXT.

2. IN COMMENTING ON THE STATEMENT, RUHFUS EMPHASIZED
THAT THE FRG WOULD BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY ONLY CIVILIAN
MEANS OF TRANSPORT. HE THOUGHT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN
SAIGON WOULD BE TRYING PRIMARILY TO CHARTER LOCALLY
AVAILABLE AIR TRANSPORT CAPACITY; IN THE MEANTIME,
THE AUTHORITIES HERE WOULD BE LOOKING INTO THE QUESTION
OF REDIRECTING SHIPS. RUHFUS SAID FRG EMBASSY WOULD BE
IN TOUCH WITH US EMBASSY SAIGON FOR PURPOSES OF
COORDINATION.
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